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- 1. NDP ASSEMBLYMEN CAUCUSED NOV 1 AND VOTED TO BOYCOTT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES UNTIL GOVERNMENT PARTIES CHANGE ATTITUDES ABOUT NDP PROPOSED BILLS, THIS ACTION FOLLOWS DRP REJECTION OF OCT 31 NDP OFFER TO CHANGE NAME OF ITS PROPOSED COMMITTEE TO REVISE AND DRAFT CONSTITUTION. GOVERNMENT PARTIES REMAIN FIRM IN REFUSING TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE CONSTITUTIONS SINCE THIS IMPLICIT ADMISSION THAT CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED.
- 2. DRP FLOOR LEADER KIM YONG-TAE QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING GOVERNMENT WILL POSTPONE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SESSIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 16. BY THIS DATE IF NDP DOES NOT RETURN TO ASSEMBLY, GOVERNMENT PARTIES WILL BEGIN BUDGET DEBATE WITHOUT NDP.
- 3. NDP SPOKESMAN YI TAEK-YON REPORTEDLY HAS REITERATED NDP THREAT TO USE "EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTION" FOR CONSTITUTION REVISION IF GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION.

4. COMMENT: BEHIND SCENES NEGOTIATION TO SETTLE IMPASSE SHOULD BE INTENSE LEADING UP TO NOV 16 DEADLINE. GOVT CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO ITS UTMOST TO BLOCK OPPOSITION'S ACTIVITY OUTSIDE ASSEMBLY IN PERIOD JUST BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. SNEIDER

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